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SUBJECT: NAC MEETING MAY 16: DISARMAMENT TOPICS

REFS: (A) USNATO 4526 (B) STATE 111026 (C) STATE 122013

1. FOR AGENDA ITEM ON SSOD AT MAY 16 NAC, MISSION MAY
DRAW ON FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS REGARDING US SSOD
INITIATIVES IN ADDITION TO GUIDANCE IN SECTION I(B)
OF REF B;

-- WE ARE STILL EXAMINING THE QUESTION OF NEGATIVE SECURITY
ASSURANCES.WE HAVE NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION YET ON WHETHER
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TO OFFER A FORMULA GOING BEYOND PRESIDENT CARTER'S
OCTOBER 1977 STATEMENT AT THE UNGA, OR ON THE SPECIFIC
LANGUAGE OF A NEW FORMULA.

-- WE HAVE EXAMINED THE DRAFT TEXT ON NEGATIVE SECURITY
ASSURANCES CIRCULATED BY THE UK AT THE NATO DISARMAMENT
EXPERTS' MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO. THIS TEXT WAS MOST

HELPFUL TO OUR OWN THINKING.

-- IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ANY NEW FORMULATION IN THIS
AREA FULLY PRESERVE ALLIANCE

NUCLEAR DETERRENT CAPABILITIES. THERE CAN BE NO
DISAGREEMENT ON THIS POINT.

-- WE WILL CONSULT FURTHER AS OUR CONSIDERATION OF
NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES PROCEEDS.

-- IN ADDITION, WE ARE GIVING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION
TO A SET OF PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE PEACEFUL
NUCLEAR COOPERATION INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF
VARIOUS KINDS OF INCENTIVES FOR STATES TO ADHERE TO
THE NPT. --

-- WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO SUGGEST WAYS OF STRENGTHENING
AND IMPROVING STABILITY IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE
WORLD, INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION OF CONFIDENCE
BUILDING MEASURES. WE ARE CONSIDERING OFFERING TO
PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FACILITIES SUCH AS
NOW USED IN THE SINAI IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF REGIONAL CBMS.

2. LATEST INFORMATION ON BILATERAL US-USSR DISARMAMENT
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TALKS IS CONTAINED IN FOLLOWING TELS: (A) CW-GENEVA
6458, (B) RW-GENEVA 6554, (C) INDIAN OCEAN-STATE 53106.
THERE IS NOTHING NEW ON CTB SINCE THE LAST NAC
BRIEFING. THE TALKS RESUMED ON MAY 4 AND A BRIEFING
ON THE CURRENT ROUND WILL BE PROVIDED AT AN APPRO-
PRIATE TIME. AS INDICATED REF C, INFORMATION ON THE
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE
IN HELSINKI WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE FIRST SUITABLE
OPPORTUNITY. THE ISSUE OF ICBM TEST-LAUNCH PRENO-
TIFICATION IS BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN THE CONTEXT
OF THE SALT TWO NEGOTIATIONS. THE INITIAL ROUND OF
ASAT TALKS IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JUNE. WE HAVE HAD
NO DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUE OF CIVIL DEFENSE; NONE
ARE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.

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